

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 3.00 pm June 13th 2017.

Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.

1. Present.

There were 14 people at the meeting and 8 apologies.

2. Minutes of 10th March 2017.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Finance Report.

The treasurer reported the following balances;

Scottish Widows account	£10023.66p
Cheque account	£537.28p
Cash	£32.80p
Total	£10593.74p

Expenses since the last statement include hire of church hall (£15), FLVC membership (£15), programme print run (£160), flowers for unwell/retiring leaders (£55). Interest was £9.35p.

Neville will action the change of address for the Scottish Widows account.

4. WaF Promotion.

It was felt that if we were to promote Walkabout we must focus on the most effective method. To date some ideas had been progressed and follow below.

- Surgeries: Gill Harrison reported that she and Peter Kime had visited Buckley and Holywell surgeries with limited interest. However, felt that the people we needed to have access to were the practitioners. It was stated that our information was being broadcast at the Pendre surgery in Mold. The Chairman agreed to discuss access to practitioners with the local health board and it was also suggested to contact Karen Chambers at FCC who is responsible for health promotion (Secretary to action) **Gill reported that she had been invited to 3 GP centre (cluster) meetings in July and September and would report back on how these went. Action: Gill**
- Library service: Sandy Mac Cleod had not had time to pursue **this but would continue to lead on this - ongoing.**
- Large retail outlets: Michael Fildes and Ellie Woodward had held three events in Tesco's at Mold and felt that they had been worthwhile with one new walker as result. Mike and Ellie said that they had produced a poster which they would send to the secretary so that it could be used at other retail outlets. **This had been done and circulated to all walk leaders. It was suggested that future "targets" might be (eg) coffee houses where people may have more time to talk. Action closed.**
- County Fairs: the Secretary had dropped the idea because there had been insufficient support to staff a stand, However, he had applied for a stand at the Mold Food and drink Fair in September 2017. **No further progress or confirmation from the organisers: ongoing.**
- The secretary confirmed that he had approached FLVC to help find new volunteer walk leaders. He had been referred to the Volunteers website where he had registered our "vacancies" and had also

created a job description in order to register. **He reported that 2 people had been in touch and asked to go along to a walk or two to find out the practicalities of being a leader. Secretary will follow up with the new volunteers.**

5. Other matters arising

- The secretary confirmed that our insurance cover would continue to March 2018 but after that was not clear. He said that sending in quarterly returns was a condition of continued insurance cover by the LWC policy. It was agreed to invite Victoria Baldwin (Let's Walk Cymru) to our next meeting to discuss this and other possible developments. Action secretary. **Victoria had accepted an invitation to this meeting but had been taken ill. Secretary auctioned to re-invite Victoria to our next meeting**
- The state of the website was raised. The secretary reported that since our last meeting, he had been over the website and had taken out "old" material and now included any special walks on the "News" tab. **It was agreed that Peter and Hazel meet to review the content and image of our website: ongoing and no date set to review. It was also suggested that someone like FLVC may have expertise in this area; Secretary to pursue.**
(Sec's note: he did circulate all leaders, earlier in the year, asking for feedback but had zero returns).
- Stan reported that Fran parry had been delighted with her flowers. It was also noted that Trish Mossop was unwell and it was agreed to send her some flowers. **Secretary to action. Flowers sent and much appreciated; close.**
- Stan Jones highlighted the problems of parking at Talacre now that charges had been imposed by FCC. **The Secretary to write to the Chief Executive of FCC to ask about extending the first rate of parking from 2 to 3 hours. Secretary had written and received a polite "sorry can't help" response. Chair to pursue with FCC; ongoing.**
- Sandy suggested that we might benefit from the Costco local recognition initiative advertised on Dee 106.3 FM local radio. **Secretary to investigate. Secretary reported that the support was for events rather than running costs; close.**
- As Eunice was unwell, it was questioned who was leading the Mold Community Centre walk and whether this person would be insured. Nev agreed to investigate. **Nev found that Ron Coles had stepped in but the walk was vulnerable due to cover. Peter to write out to all leaders asking for support and cover offers; ongoing.**

6. Open session/AOB.

- Peter reminded everyone that the quarterly returns would be due in at the end of June.
- Refresher training; there could be enough candidates to run a new/refresher session. Dave and Nev to decide when needed.
- Nev emphasised the importance of LWC's commitment to meet us. Gill reminded the meeting that we had been invited to an LWC meeting in January at which Simon of FCC represented us. **Action: secretary to re-circulate Simon's feedback from that meeting.**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

**Date of next Open Meeting would be 29th August 2017 at 3.00 pm in room 30 (VC room)
Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.**

(Sec's note: trustees meeting confirmed for 4th August 2017 at 10.00 am in room 30 (VC room))